Lake, Montana, the sum of $12,000. The payment of such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims of the said town of Medicine Lake, Montana, for reimbursement for damages to their municipal water supply system resulting from the developments of the Fish and Wildlife Service in the area: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act shall be paid or delivered to any agent or attorney on account of service rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Approved August 31, 1957.

## Public Law 85-249

### AN ACT

August 31, 1957
[H. R. 9023]

To amend the Act of October 31, 1949, to extend until June 30, 1960, the authority of the Surgeon General to make certain payments to Bernalillo County, New Mexico, for furnishing hospital care to certain Indians.

Hospital, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Reimbursement for care of Indians.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the second, third, fourth, and fifth provisos in subsection (b) of the first section of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing an appropriation for the construction, extension, and improvement of a county hospital at Albuquerque, New Mexico, to provide facilities for the treatment of Indians", approved October 31, 1949 (63 Stat. 1049), as amended, are amended to read as follows: "*Provided further*, That the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service shall reimburse the county of Bernalillo, or any successor operator of such hospital, for the care and treatment of Indians eligible under the regulations of the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for hospital and medical services who may be admitted to or treated in said hospital under the provisions of the Act of April 16, 1934, as amended (U. S. C., title 25, secs. 452–454), at rates not in excess of the average annual per diem cost of operation and maintenance for the entire hospital. The method of determining average annual per diem cost of operation and maintenance shall be agreed upon between the county of Bernalillo and the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service in the contract between them relating to such hospital. Such payments shall be made by the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service in the manner and at the times agreed upon in said contract: *Provided further*, That, until June 30, 1960, the amount of such payment shall in no event be less than the average annual per diem cost of operation and maintenance for 80 per centum of the beds required to be made available: *And provided further*, That the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service may for temporary periods waive the requirements that one hundred beds always be available for Indians, if for any temporary period such a number is not needed or required, and if in return the operator agrees that the minimum charge should be proportionately reduced."

48 Stat. 596.

Effective date.

SEC. 2. The amendments made by the first section of this Act shall take effect as of June 30, 1957.

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